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**4-H Happenings**

<b>February 12</b>	<b>Fresh Chef Supply Pick up</b>
<b>February 13</b>	<b>Beef Weigh-in</b>
<b>February 15</b>	<b>Federation Meeting</b>
	<b>Fresh Chef Activity</b>
	<b>Origami Registration open</b>
<b>February 24</b>	<b>Cloverbud Workshop</b>
<b>February 26</b>	<b>Origami Registration Closes</b>
<b>March 1</b>	<b>New Member Enrollment</b>
	<b>Add or Drop Project Deadline</b>
<b>March 10</b>	<b>Origami Supply Pick up</b>
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Origami Live</b>

**Cloverbud Workshop**  
**Wednesday, February 24**  
**Bridgeport United Methodist Church**  
**2:30-3:30 p.m.**

Electricity is the source of heat, light, and a way to keep your favorite beverage cold. Join us on Wednesday, February 24 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Bridgeport United Methodist Church basement for some fun with electricity. Youth ages 5 to 7 will have the opportunity to explore electricity and bring home a hands on activity. Please make sure to register as spots are only open to the first 15. Register at: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23167> If you would like to attend virtually we will have a supply pick up on Monday, February 22 and a zoom link will be emailed to you to join us on the 24th.

## Federation News

Monday, February 15

9 a.m. Extension Office

Federation will hold their next meeting on Monday, February 15 at 9 a.m. in the Extension office. We will be brainstorming project workshops, the 4-H 101 series and federation activities. If you are in the 8th grade or older and would like to join Federation now is the time. Contact Samantha for more information. Hope to see you all there.



### February 4-H in a Bag : Fresh Chef

Fresh Chef looks so exciting for this month! If you signed up for the month of February your supplies will be waiting for you to pick up on Friday, February 12th. Don't forget to pick them up because we do not want your items to freeze. Remember to tune in to Illinois Extension Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash and Wayne Counties Facebook page on February 15th to learn how to make some yummy food.

### March 4-H in a Bag: Origami

Join us by taking a trip around the world to Japan. We will learn about life in Japan and learn how to make origami. Registration opens up on Monday, February 15 and will close on Friday, February 26. Wednesday, March 3 will be the day to pick up all supplies. Please make sure to register at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22976>

### Club Meeting

Many clubs may start meeting in person soon. Please watch our Facebook page and emails for when your club will be meeting. We ask that you wear a mask and social distance while at meetings.

If you or your family do not feel comfortable attending in person meetings we will still have some clubs meeting virtually. Contact Samantha for information on how to attend those.

# Meeting



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## Animal Livestock Ownership Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

- April - 15 Purebred Beef, Dairy Heifers and Bull Calves
- May - 1 Market Goats, Sheep, and Swine;  
Purebred and Commercial Does, Ewes, and Rams  
All Horses
- June - 1 All Poultry and Rabbits

All 4Her's entering these projects must have the animal in their possession by these dates

### Off Premise Form

Off Premise Form are required for any youth who doesn't house their animals at their house. Forms are located online at our website. Please fill these forms out, as well as, have the owner of the location where your animals are being housed complete the form. These forms will be due to my office by May 1, 2021. When Identification forms are sent out, you will also receive the Off Premise form.



**FARM CREDIT**  
ILLINOIS

### COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR 4-H CLUBS

It is time to roll up your sleeves and make a positive impact in your community! Farm Credit Illinois is inviting 4-H Clubs to apply for a \$500 grant to assist club members in being positive change agents by making their local communities better places to live. Eligible clubs are those located in one of the counties served by Farm Credit Services Illinois in Extension Units in southern & central Illinois. **Applications are due March 12, 2021.**

Access the application using the following link: [www.farmcreditIL.com/community](http://www.farmcreditIL.com/community)

### FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-H MEMBERS

4-H members who are Illinois High School Seniors with agricultural career aspiration planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall can apply for one of 30 \$2,000 scholarships. Two under-represented minority student applicants will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars.. **Applications are due March 12, 2021.**

Access the application using the following link: [www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship](http://www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship)

## Tell Your 4-H Story –



### Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, March 6**.

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H!* Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

Registration is open NOW @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>. **Registration will close March 4.**

## 2021 National 4-H Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit

Registration is now open for the 2021 Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit. This is a great opportunity for high school students to develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting.

Register here: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#agriscience>

Registration closes on Friday, February 19th.

Contact Mark Becker with any questions at [mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu)

## Illini Summer Academies

**Deadline Extended!**

**We are still looking for 10 teens who have attended ISA at least once before to be a part of the Production Team.** As a Production Team member, you can expect to have all your registration expenses paid and will participate in monthly Zoom calls as we plan the fun, engaging activities for this year's 2021 4-H *Virtual* Illini Summer Academies.

If you are interested in being on the team this year, we have extended the deadline to apply by **11:59 PM on Sunday, January 24, 2021.**

**Teen Production Team Application: [Click Here](#)**

**Reference for Teen Production Team Application: [Click Here](#)**

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us at: [illini-4h@illinois.edu](mailto:illini-4h@illinois.edu)





## States 4-H International Exchange

**Host an international student:** Host a Japanese youth this summer through 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country too!

**SCHEDULE:** Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.
- Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.
- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

**RECRUITMENT PERIOD:** January- May or until all placements are made

**Apply Today** <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

## Travel abroad with 4-H

Start planning now for a trip in 2022.

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.



**TRAVEL PERIOD:** 4 –8 weeks (dates vary by program June-August)

**REQUIREMENTS:** Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)

**Cost:** \$2700-5000\* Based on previous years (price varies by year, program and length of stay)

**RECRUITMENT PERIOD:** September-November

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/>

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina

\*Country availability changes each year

For more information, visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> or contact us by email:

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## 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

During this period when 4-H members find themselves experiencing restrictions associated with gathering with friends and club members face-to-face, having the opportunity to be part of an engaging and fun, yes we said FUN virtual meeting might be the highlight of their week! Register now for this upcoming **Volunteer Training – Leading in a Virtual World!**

If you question whether you have the skills or tools you need to put together a virtual club experience, this webinar will help you become comfortable interacting in a virtual meeting format; and more importantly support you as you include every part of the club meeting virtually. You can conduct club business; engage members in group decision-making; create positive learning experiences; and give members an opportunity to laugh and have fun together! Be sure to encourage your 4-H members in leadership roles to participate as well.

Link to register for the **February 25, 2021** volunteer training opportunity

<https://illinois.zoom.us/j/83565174329?pwd=dDAvR2lxN3J3bmJqOVdmTy9raUZsZz09>

## 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**. We are so excited to continue this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

### 4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, February 18, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

**It's Cold Outside: Are Your 4-H Clubs Still Hot?**

**Let's Play!**

Link to register for the **February 18, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22728>

### 4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

**One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go!**

**Summer Fun!**

Link to register for the **May 20, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>

Don't forget - all 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug! We have had great participation so far and if you have already attended at least one session, you are on your way to receiving you Café Conversations mug!